

SB 1202 (DeSaulnier)
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STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET – INITIATIVE SUPPORTERS
Fact Sheet

SUMMARY

SB 1202 adds a list of the five highest contributors in support of each ballot measure to the ballot pamphlet produced by the Secretary of State.

BACKGROUND

Under current law, the Secretary of State produces a Voter Information Guide. The guide contains information for each measure before voters, including an impartial analysis of the proposal and the potential costs to taxpayers as prepared by the Legislative Analyst's Office, arguments in favor and against it prepared by proponents and opponents, text and a summary prepared by the Attorney General or the Legislature, and other information.

The Secretary of State also maintains Cal-Access, which is a database of all of the campaign committees that have been organized to support or oppose propositions and ballot measures on California's statewide ballot.

SB 1202 requires the Secretary of State to add a list of the five highest contributors supporting each ballot measure to the ballot pamphlet.

In recent years, observers noted that interests have increasingly turned to California's initiative system to amend the California Constitution or state statutes to benefit themselves. While California law does require that any advertisement for or against any ballot measure shall include a disclosure statement identifying any person whose cumulative contributions are \$50,000 or more, SB 1202 will extend contributor disclosure to the Voter Information Guide received by each voter before election day.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

AB 680 (Mazzoni) of 1995, Chaptered.

THIS BILL

SB 1202 requires the Secretary of State to add a list of the five highest contributors supporting each ballot measure to the ballot pamphlet produced by the Secretary of State. The list shall be placed immediately below the analysis of the measure by the Legislative Analyst.

STATUS

April 20th – Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee Hearing

SUPPORT

None of File

OPPOSITION

None on File

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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